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Kiangsu

- On 26 February 1952 YUAN Yeh-lieh (袁也烈), commander of the East China Navy; Soviet Major Mi-ti-mei-fu (米迪美夫); and KUO Hua-jo (郭化若), commander of the Shanghai-Woosung Garrison Headquarters, inspected Woosung Fortress. Chinese Communist army engineers were installing radar equipment and five shore batteries in an area near Woosung Fortress; the installation work was to be completed by the end of May.

Chekiang and Fukien

- In late February, 11 amphibious tanks, armed with machine guns, were shipped from the Choushan Islands to Itu (一都), Liutu (119-34, 26-42).¹
- The 259 Regiment, 87 Division, 29 Army, was stationed at P'ingho (117-02, 24-14).²
- The Fukien Military District Command established the Min River (119- , 26-) Bandit Suppression Headquarters at Mawei (119-26, 25-59), commanded by YUAN Hsin (阮莘), commander of the 84 Division,³ and staffed by troops of the Fuan (119-38, 27-04) and Foochow Military Sub-District Commands and elements of the 84 Division.

- ☐ Comment. ☐ (Military Information, East China) on the overhauling of amphibious tanks in Shanghai.

- ☐ Comment. The original 87 Division was stationed in the Yungan (117-18, 25-56) area, where it was converted into a unit under the Fukien Military District in the summer of 1951. The new 87 Division was activated from two garrison regiments commanded by CH'EN T'ing (陳挺) of the Fuan Military Sub-District Command. These regiments moved from Fuan to southern Fukien, and their garrison duties were taken over by the 84 Division, 28 Army.

- ☐ Comment. Available information lists CHAO Chi-chou as commander.

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1. In late February 1952 the Chinese Communists were moving replacement and training divisions from north Kwangtung to the Canton-Kowloon railroad area. A tank unit of the 15 Army Group moved to Nant'ou (113-56, 22-31).
2. Three battalions of an artillery regiment of the 15 Army Group were stationed on the south Kwangtung coast at Taya Bay and Tapeng Bay.
3. Chinese Communist troops on both banks of the Pearl River Estuary and on islands in the estuary were exchanging posts frequently.
4. In December 1951 the Central and South China Military Area Supply and Service Department completed the construction of twenty warehouses at Hutiehkang (蝴蝶崗) and Changchou (長洲), southeast of Whampoa. In December 1951 and January 1952 marine mines, shells, steel plates, copper bars and diesel engines from Hankow, Manchuria and Macao were stored in these warehouses, which were declared restricted areas by the Chinese Communists. During February flour, rubber, pitch, cement and phosphorus from Hong Kong were stored in these warehouses.

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